

WRIGHTSVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
**PLANNING MEETING**

**November 20, 2017**

Borough Chambers \* 601 Water Street \* Wrightsville

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The Planning Meeting of the Borough of Wrightsville governing body convened at 6:37PM on October 16, 2017. Council President Bolton called the meeting to order and led the salute to the American Flag.

*In attendance:* Council President Bolton, Vice-President White, Councilman Kirkessner, Councilman Gromling, Mayor Albert, Solicitor Fields, Treasurer Brenner, Officer Schaum, Secretary Hoff

*Absent:* Councilman Loercher, Councilman McDonald, Engineer Klinedinst

**PATRONS:**

Ed Sipes:

Mr. Sipes relayed to those in attendance that Historic Wrightsville will be hosting the annual Christmas Tree lighting on Sunday, November 26, 2017 at 6:00pm. Christmas Tree lighting will take place at 4<sup>th</sup> and Hellam Streets.

Don Bair:

Mr. Bair relayed to those in attendance that the residents of Wrightsville Borough oppose the idea of the Borough purchasing the Locust St. Property. He stated that the residents voiced their opinions to him during the most recent election.

Mel McDonald:

Mrs. McDonald relayed to those in attendance that she is not in favor of Borough purchasing the church property on Locust St. Residents of the borough do not want their taxes raised. Mrs. McDonald would like to see more money spent on repairing the roads rather than purchasing a new building for administrative and police personnel.

Mayor Albert responded to Mrs. McDonald's statement concerning the purchase of church property. Mayor Albert relayed to those in attendance that a walk through has been completed twice with employees of the borough and real estate company. As of November 20, 2017 there has been no financial discussions. Code Administrators has completed their analysis of the property and alerted borough personnel of their fact finding. Mayor Albert indicated that there has never been any discussions on raising taxes for residents if the building was purchased.

Vice President White relayed to those in attendance that during the time that the borough established a Comprehensive Plan after completing a study from the residents, the 2<sup>nd</sup> item that

the residents noted on the survey was a community center and the residents indicated they were okay with raising of taxes to establish a community center.

Mayor Albert questioned those in attendance that stated that residents are not in favor of purchase "Where are those residents who are not in favor?" Mayor Albert would like to see more residents attend the monthly council meetings so that their ideas and opinions can be addressed.

Mrs. McDonald asked council if the Fire Department stated they have funds to purchase the property that they currently share with the Police Department why are they asking council for funds to help purchase new radios for the department? No answer was provided.

Mrs. McDonald asked council why there is no police coverage. Mrs. McDonald would like to see a regional police department for Wrightsville Borough.

### **BOROUGH COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### *Administration & Finance:*

Treasurer Brenner provided council members with a second draft of 2018 budget for their review. Treasurer Brenner relayed to those in attendance that action would be required at the December 4, 2017 council meeting to advertise formal adoption of 2018 budget for Borough of Wrightsville at the planning meeting on December 18, 2017 following the mandatory public viewing time period.

#### *Public Works:*

Councilman Gromling indicated that an equipment purchase was made online for the salt spreader to prepare vehicles for the upcoming winter weather.

#### *Public Safety:*

Councilman Gromling indicated that we are awaiting the traffic study report from PennDOT in reference to 9<sup>th</sup> and Hellam St. President Bolton would like Councilman Gromling to contact Keith Gillespie's office for his assistance with this matter.

#### *Community & Economic Development:*

Councilman Gromling relayed to those in attendance that Secretary Hoff and Councilman Gromling attended a meeting with Hellam Borough, Hellam Township and Yorkanna to discuss the possibility of a Regional Comprehensive Plan. A short presentation of the plans operations was presented by Pam Shellenberger from York County Planning Commission.

#### *Parks & Recreation:*

Councilman Gromling relayed to those in attendance that construction with Riverfront Park is nearing completion. The pavilion should be installed next week.

#### *Personnel:*

No report

### **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:**

Solicitor Fields relayed to those in attendance that silent bids will be accepted at the Borough office until Monday, December 4, 2017 for sale of 2005 Blue Ford Explorer formally used as unmarked police vehicle.

Councilman Gromling approved entertainment permit for Cycle Works cycling event on Saturday, December 2, 2017 from 7:30am- 5:00pm including temporary stopping of traffic as indicated on street closure request. Vice President White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Executive session was held from 7:29pm - 7:51pm

*Meeting reconvened at 7:52pm*

Solicitor Fields relayed to those in attendance that personnel matters were discussed during an executive session.

Councilman Gromling made a motion to approve the filing of Amended Statement of Charges for the removal of R. Hege from employment with the Wrightsville Borough Police Department pursuant to Article XI, Section 1190 of the Borough Code. Vice President White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Councilman Gromling made a motion to adjourn the November 20, 2017 Planning Meeting of the governing body of Wrightsville Borough. Vice President White seconded the motion. All in favor. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned 7:57pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammie Hoff  
Borough Secretary